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The golden sun,
The planets, all the infinite host of heaven,
Are shining on the sad abodes of death,
Through the still lapse of ages. All that tread
The globe are but a handful to the tribes
That slumber in its bosom. Take wings
Of morning, traverse Barca's desert sands,
Or lose thyself in the continuous woods
Where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound
Save his own dashings—yet the dead are there.
And millions in those solitudes, since first
The flight of years began, have laid them down
In their last sleep,—the dead reign there alone.
So shalt thou rest; and what if thou withdraw
In silence from the living, and no friend
Take note of thy departure? All that breathe
Will share thy destiny. The gay will laugh
When thou art gone, the solemn brood of care
Plod on, and each one, as before, will chase
His favorite phantom; yet all these shall leave
Their mirth and their employments and shall come
And make their bed with thee. As the long train
Of ages glide away, the sons of men—
The youth in life's green spring, and he who goes
In full strength of years, matron and maid,
And the sweet babe, and the gray headed man—
Shall, one by one, be gathered to thy side
By those who in their turn shall follow them.
So live, that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To the pale realms of shade, where each shall take
His chamber in the silent halls of death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon, but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him and lies down to pleasant dreams.

William Cullen Bryant.

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WATTERS FAMILY

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THE facts herein presented have been gathered by a somewhat extended research among the volumes of the great libraries of Chicago, Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Annapolis and elsewhere; from old letters in possession of the family; from relatives, and from other sources. The research has continued through many years, and during the year of 1911 several months were given to special investigation, and a trip made across the continent to the historic ground in Harford County, Maryland, where our ancestors made their pioneer home on coming to America. The results, although gratifying, are not what they might be were the research continued a reasonable time without hindrance. The discovery of old deeds, wills, land patents, court records, church records and tombstones have brought to light many interesting facts of the family.

The gathering of these facts about ancestors long since departed has kindled the heart of the compiler with a new, sweet love for kindred, and the one fond hope entertained is that the eyes of the younger generations of the Watters family falling upon these lines may find incentive to honor their ancestors by a noble life endeavor for the betterment of humanity. How pleasing to learn that many have wrought well, even above the average.

No apology is offered, nor is one needed, for peering back into the past. The past is history. We study history by studying men. If a modern education requires a knowledge of the past, of things and of men, why not give

a little time to the study of one's ancestors? It is history. Something has been handed down to us. Whence did it come? Shall we pass it on with something of worth added or shall we prove unfaithful servants and be deprived of our heritage? A distinguished jurist, on an important occasion, once said: "No people are ever really great who are neglectful of their shrines and have no pride in their achievements. The history of the world shows that a correct sentiment is a more lasting and potent force than either accumulated money or concentrated authority." We trace the achievements of past centuries to find their bearing upon the present, and when a potent force is discovered as starting far back in the past and bringing fruitage down to the present who does not feel a quickening sense of pride in the worthy achievement of those who wrought before us under less favorable conditions!

Always present in the human heart is the longing to preserve some trace of loved ones who have passed from the shores of time. It is the instinct of immortality. Our friends have passed from view, yet we feel that they are not wholly gone. As a conviction of continued being their presence seems to linger about us. It was the custom of the ancient Egyptians to embalm their dead, and for long years retain their bodily presence. They erected monuments of a costly and enduring character to perpetuate the name and deeds of their illustrious citizens. While the structures still stand, the memory of those for whom they were erected has utterly perished.

The written page embalms our friends more perfectly than the Egyptian art. It preserves not only the physical form and features, but the nobler elements of being—the mind and heart, the soul's lofty conceptions and sympathies which glowed in life's happiest hours. As a pressed flower suggests the perfume it once exhaled, so may a record of events and achievements of our progena-

WILLIAM WATTERS
First American Itinerant of Methodism.
Born October 16, 1751, Died March 29, 1827.

MONUMENT OF WILLIAM WATTERS
In Virginia near Washington, D. C.

tors afford a stimulus to worthy efforts in the various walks of life.

Three epochs—birth, marriage and death—are the milestones of life. Little more than this is said of the great characters of the Old Testament—than they were born, were married, had offspring and were gathered unto their fathers. But what vast interest attaches to these common steps of human existence! Especially interesting are these when through them we walk back into the shadowy past of our own line of blood.

Great care has been taken to verify, as far as possible, every statement, date and incident, and we hope that few mistakes have crept in.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

The name Watters is of Norman origin. Bardsley classes it with Wat, Watt, Wattare, Water, Watson, Waterson, Watkins and Watkinson, which were originally nicknames for Watler, the name of a saint who resided in Aquitaine, where, through his celebrity, the name had become widely spread in the early part of the tenth century. He also places it with the numerous class of locative names, such as Roger-atte (at the lane), Thomas-atte Brooks, Walter-atte Water, which afterward became Roger Lane, Thomas Brooks, Walter Atwater, or Waters or Watters.

The name has also been derived from the Norman French, Emille or everan (a spring of waters), from which Wassa, Washburn, (afterward Washington), Waterton, Waters, Watters. From the first form we have the name Wells, and from the second Vernon (ver a spring).

Waters or Watters is a common name in England, and it is possible that there are as many distinct families as there are ways of deriving the name. In America there are at least four distinct families, but they may have a common origin. In Yorkshire, England, many have

borne the name Waters or Watters, sometimes spelled one way and sometimes the other. From the year 1400 A. D. to 1600 A. D. it appears Watyr, Warter, Waters, Watters.

Emmerton and Waters, in their "Gleanings from English Records," (Salem, 1880), say that Robert Watter of Cundall, an eminent merchant of York, was twice Lord Mayor there, viz. 1591-1603. He entertained King James VI of Scotland on his way to London to be enthroned as King of England, and was knighted by the King, April 20, 1603.

Sir Robert died May 12, 1612, and was buried in the choir of the church of St. Crux under a monument bearing the inscription, "Sir Robert Watter, Alderman and twice Lord Mayor of this city, a father to the poor and a good beneficiary of the Church, who died May 12, 1612. Margaret, his wife, deceased March 3, 1608, and their three children."

Sir Robert Watter's brother, William, was likewise Lord Mayor of York in 1612. His oldest son was Christopher Watters. This is the first spelling of the name as handed down through our branch of the family and is almost conclusive of our lineage through this eminent family of Cundall.

The Watters family of Cundall are said to descend from Richard Watyr, who was a merchant of York, sheriff in 1431 and Lord Mayor in 1436 and 1451, and represented the city in Parliament at Westminister in 1434.

We also learn that he had a brother William, prior of Wartyr County, York, in 1424, and another brother, Nicholaus, vicar of St. Mary's, York, 1429, and Bishop of Dromore.

The name is found in an early period in both Wales and Yorkshire, England, and, the coat of arms being the same, it may be presumed that the Yorkshire family had its root in Wales, for in the latter country tradition early

places the name. Edmund Chester Waters, in "The Chester of Chiseley" (vol. 3 p 721), says the Waters family has been reckoned from time immemorial among the minor gentry of Glamorganshire.

The South Wales family pretend to have preserved the names of their ancestors from a period of fabulous antiquity, and those interested may read in the history of Brecon that the pedigree of Waters is gradually traced by Welsh genealogists from Cradoc Fraichfas, Cradic of the strong arm, Knight of the Dolorous Tower and of King Arthur's Round Table through a series of heroes whose names are hard to pronounce.

Waters owned land in the parish of Pyle, Kenfig and Tythegsen from the reign of Henry VII. The deed is still in existence by which John Waters, Gent, of Cornelly, in the parish of Pyle and Kenfig, conveyed on the 11th of December, 1498, a piece of land in the Lordship of Merther Mawr, to Richard Tuberville, Gent, of Tygethon.

This John Waters made his will February, 29, 1515-1516, and left twenty pounds to be invested in land for the benefit of the poor of Pyle and Kenfig forever. The charity still exists and has been augmented from time to time by the family.

There was a John Watters of some note in England in the early part of the seventeenth century, and another John Watters in America the latter part of the seventeenth century—doubtless a descendant of the former and progenator of our line through his son Godfrey, who was his youngest son. His other children in their order of birth were Samuel, John, Elizabeth and Henry.

WATTERS FAMILY COAT OF ARMS

For Watters family coat of arms see Burke's Heraldry, as follows:

Watters (Ireland)—Ar. three magpies ppr. crest. An eagle rising reguard, ppr. Motto, Spere.

Waters (Ireland)—Ar. or three magpies ppr.

Waters (Lenhans, Co. Kent)—Sa. three bars wavy between as many swans ar.

Waters (Ludlow Co. Salop) or a pale ag.

Waters (Shropshire)—Per pale, ar. and Sa; a saltaire changed with another wavy, both counterchanged.

Waters (Scotland)—Quarterly, ar. and az.; a saltire engr. counterchanged. Crest—a demi, talbot ar. in the mouth, an arrow gu. Motto, Tonsonis fidele.

Waters (York Herald, temp. Richard II)—Sa. on a fesse wavy arrow between three swans of the second two bars wavy az. Crest, as last.

Waters (Quarterlyar and sa. a saltire wavy counterchanged.

Waters Paly of six. ar. and az., a satire wavy counterchanged.

Thomas Waters, Esq., of Sarnan, Carmarthen, a deni griffin, azure. Motto, Honor Pretas.

The arms of Watter of Cundall, as shown in Emonson's Heraldry, were: Argent, a chevron engraved between three chessrooks sable.

The arms of Sir Robert Watter differed from these, in having the chevron charged with three crescents. Or. crest—An arm rested-Gules tamed up argent; holding in hand proper a chessrook sable.

One Edward Watters came to America in company with Sir George Somers and Sir Thomas Yates. They were shipwrecked on the "still, vexed Bermooths." He later settled in Virginia City, Virginia. It seems that when he made his will he was in England, and it is inferred that he had moved with his family to England. He willed his Virginia estates to his son or sons, and later one John Watters (whether his son or nephew) came to

SARAH WILSON WATTERS

America and settled in Virginia or Maryland. He had five children, viz: Samuel, John, Elizabeth, Henry and Godfrey. It is through Godfrey Watters, the youngest of these sons, that the writer and his kin have come. The descent is clear from him down.

Edward Watters came over early in the seventeenth century.

Whether all the children of John Watters were born in England is not certain, and yet it seems probable that they were. Godfrey Watters died in the year 1754 when his youngest child, William, who became the first American itinerant in Methodism, was three years of age, and was probably forty five or fifty years of age. I find no record of his birth, and the date seems hidden from the present generation.

But little is known of the descendants of Godfrey's brothers and sisters; and the task of tracing is made more difficult from the fact that, as it seems, that some have dropped one "t" from the name. Some information concerning the posterity of Samuel Watters may be found in a volume entitled "Zimmerman and Watters and Allied Families," in the Baltimore Historic Society Library.

Samuel married Jane Denster. Elizabeth Watters married Samuel Rickets, November 11, 1724, and we have no further information concerning her or her descendents.

One John Watters was a member of the Maryland Assembly in 1707—probably Godfrey's father.

About Godfrey's brothers, John and Henry, I have no information.

Godfrey Watters is my great, great grandfather, and the great, great grandfather of all Watterses of my generation in my line. He had nine children, seven sons and two daughters.

The wife of Godfrey Watters was Sarah ; her maiden name I have not yet ascertained. She lived to a ripe old

age, dying in 1803. The children of Godfrey and Sarah Watters are as follows: John, Henry, Mary, Godfrey, Nicholaus, Stephen, Ann, Walter and William. John was born November 15, 1729; Henry was born January 8, 1732; Mary was born May 1, 1735: Godfrey———— Nicholaus was born November 21, 1740; Stephen was born March 15, 1747; Ann————————; Walter was born February 8, 1749; William was born October, 18, 1751. Many descendants of Godfrey and Walter are found in Maryland. Our line of descent is through Henry. It would be interesting to trace the other children, but we can only allude to them incidentally. The posterity of some of them is scattered throughout our country widely. Especially does this seem true of the descendants of Nicholaus Watters. His descendants are mostly in the South, and have furnished fifty-three ministers and missionaries to the church. The family name is lost, the descendants being through his daughter.

A few facts ought to be given concerning the other lines that have come to my notice, which might prove to be entertaining and helpful to some whose eyes may pursue these pages. Doubtless, the date of marriage and other interesting data of many or all of this family might be obtained, but I have only the following:

(The table of descent given elsewhere will greatly facitate the understanding of these pages.)

John Watters and Providence Baker were married, February 5, 1756. Mary Watters married———Divers. William Watters married Sarah Adams, June 6, 1778, but left no children.

Henry Watters, our great grandfather, married Mary Ruff about the year 1757; the exact date is wanting. They had at least three sons; viz., Godfrey, Henry and William, our grandfather.

William Watters, born in 1766, married Sarah Wilson, who was ten years his junior, April 14, 1807. He died

December 3, 1846. His wife died September 17, 1860. They are buried in Wesley Chapel cemetery, in Belmont County, Ohio, to which State they emigrated from Maryland in the year 1822 with a family of six children, the youngest being only two years of age. Their children, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, are as follows: William Wilson Watters, born March 17, 1809. died March 20, 1883; married Teressa D. Gregg. Mary Margaret, born 1811; married Benjamin M. Wilson, left no children, died 1838. Ruth Elizabeth, born 1813, married Elwood Orison, died 1841; left one son, William Orison, who died in the service of his country, U. S. V., in 1864. Charlotte S., born 1816, died 1864; never married. Henry Alfred, born October 12, 1818; married Katherine Kemp, died April, 1904, having lived longer by more than ten years than any other member of his family. George Godfrey, born December 29, 1820, died July 1, 1889; married Jane Orison; for a second wife, Harriet Reed.

William Wilson Watters, M. D., Cincinnati Medical College, practiced his profession for many years, but, moving to Iowa, relinquished medicine and thereafter engaged in agriculture. Dr. Watters was large and robust, being six feet in stature. He was an entertaining conversationalist, a man of affairs in his community, and repeatedly declined State honors proffered him. A man well endowed, socially, mentally and physically, he was highly esteemed wherever known, acting well his part in life. He has left the legacy of a good name.

Mary, Margaret and Ruth Elizabeth, although having the advantages only of the meagre school privileges of their pioneer home community, have left evidence of a rich literary taste, dying young. Their copied and original poems, without signature, perhaps because of native modesty, are convincing evidence, not only of a love for literature, but of a refined poetic endowment.

Charlotte S. lived longer than her sisters, and of her I have personal knowledge, as have others who shared her tender care and loving guidance, after we were deprived of our mothers. She was a high type of Christian womanhood, whose memory is as ointment poured forth.

Henry Alfred Watters, my revered father, was six feet tall, more spare than his brothers, never weighing over two hundred pounds, and usually less; with muscles of iron, great endurance, constant diligence; a successful farmer; conservative, timid, obliging, honest to the core; a reader, well informed, assuming the duties of life as tasks to be loved and never spurned; a loving father, a Christian whose life was a good testimony of his faith in God and the Christ. In my hearing was once said: "Henry Watters would spend a dollar to save his neighbor a dime." He was benevolent, a friend of the lowly; an Abolitionist, as were all his brothers, the three of them furnishing seven sons for the suppression of the Southern rebellion. Their grandfather was a slave-holder, which makes the fact all the more remarkable.

George Godfrey Watters was about five feet eleven inches in height, of stout build and weighed 225 pounds or more. He possessed a logical mind, studious habits and high moral ideals. He had only the advantages of the schools of his neighborhood, but entering the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church and pursuing the course of study ordered by the Discipline, and reading widely and being a close student of the Bible, he became an able and polished preacher of the Gospel. He was a member of the Pittsburgh Conference until the division, when he fell into the Eastern Ohio Conference. His preaching was scriptural and his language pure Anglo Saxon. He served the Church faithfully and well, doing honor to the family name and making true in his generation the wish of William Watters, his uncle and the first American itinerant,

GENEOLOGICAL CHART WATTERS FAMILY

JOHN WATTERS (Probable).

RICHARD | WATTERS

JOHN WATTERS of Yorkshire, England

SAMUEL | JOHN | ELIZABETH | HENRY | GODFREY WATTERS, died 1754

JOHN | HENRY 1732 | MARY | GODFREY | NICHLAUS | STEVEN | ANN | WALTER | WILLIAM

Married Mary Ruff

GODFREY | HENRY | WILLIAM 1766

Married Sarah Wilson

WILLIAM WILSON | MARY MARGARET | RUTH ELIZABETH | CHARLOTTE | HENRY ALFRED | GEORGE GODFREY

Married | Teresa Gregg

Married Benjamin Wilson

Mar. Elwood Orison
William Orison

Married
Kathariue
Kemp

Married 2d wife
Josephine Hazlett
EMMA L.

Ma. John Prall
Erma
Harlan

Married
Jane Orison

Married
Harriet Reed
2d wife

LEWIS KEMP 1843 | SARAH MARGARET 1845 | GEORGE WILLIAM 1847 | DENNIS ALONZO 1849 | JOHN WILSON 1852 | PETER KEMP 1854

Married
Katherine Lindsey
Nellie
Ernest
Thomas
Bessie
Arthur
Katherine

Married George Griffith

Married
Sarah Headley
Katherine Clark
Henry

Anna Prall 2d wife
Warren
Mildred

Married
Lucy E. McKeever
Raymond E
Mildred M.

Married
Emma Letts
Ethel
Inez
Madison
Louis

Married
Louise Eggers
Henry
Frieda
Charlotte
Louise

AMOS | JOHN | LEONIDAS L. 1848 | MARY 1850 | WILLIAM W. 1852

Married Florence Schaefer
Maud L.
George L.

Married J. W. Johnson
Emma

Married Clara I. Phelps
Edna
George
William
Ida

Twins 1857: JENNIE | HARRIET

Married
Wm. Wetherald
Blanche
George
Frank
William
Clara
Mary
Edgar
Hubert

Married
George DeVoe
William
Clarence
Florence
Clara L.

Twins 1859: KATHERINE | EDWARD

Married
Thomas Holiday

Married
Florence F. Randall
Harriet
Edward

FRANK 1862

Married
Mabel Stahl
George W.
Edward R.
Ruth M.

2d wife
Grace Little
Harriet G.
Richard M.

Twins 1865: WILLIAM | MATTIE

HANSON B. | MARY | WILLIAM G. | LOUISE | HENRY | WALTER | EMMA | SARAH | CLARA A.

Married
Ruth Parker
Allen P.
William L.
George S.
Henry B.
Vernon G.

Verna
Howard

Married
Dora Stiles
Linn S.
Willard
Richard
Freda
Marie

Married
Alvira Stiles
Julia
Florence
Hattie
Helen
Ruth
Edith
Olive
Evylin

Married
E. S. Lawrence
Mabel
Edwin

Married
Theodore Noble

that the ministry might never be without a representative from the Watters family. It took a good deal of heroism in the day of George Godfrey Watters to be an itinerant preacher, and he is deserving of praise, as the soldier, for his bravery. Honor to whom honor is due.

Children born to William Wilson and Teresa Gregg Watters: Hanson B., December 9, 1840; Mary Elizabeth, September 13, 1842; William G., January 5, 1844; Louise S., October 31, 1846, deceased; Henry A., April 18, 1852; Walter P., April 9, 1854; Emma I., February 18, 1857, deceased; Sarah W., August 2, 1858; Clara A., April 30, 1865.

Hanson B. Watters, some time student in Western College, civil war veteran (2nd Iowa Cavalry, Co. G., 1861–'65), member Iowa General Assembly 1893 and 1895, married Ruth H. Parker, December 24, 1868. Their children are:

Allan Parker Watters, son of H. B. and Ruth Watters, born October 2, 1869; married Estella Barnes, 1896. children, Gladys, born July 2, 1898. Present address, Lindsay, California.

William Leslie Watters, son of H. B. and Ruth Watters, pharmacy graduate, S. U. I., 1897, married Mary McIntosh, 1898. Children: Howard, born September 5, 1898; Hilda, born May, 1906. Address, West Liberty, Iowa.

George Stanley, son of H. B. and Ruth Watters, born December, 1877; soldier in the 49th Iowa, V. I., Spanish-American war; deceased, May 29, 1899.

Henry Bertram, son of H. B. and Ruth Watters, born May 18, 1880; civil engineer S. U. I. 1905; married Jennie Schwider, February, 1911.

Vernon Gregg, son of H. B. and Ruth Watters, born Jan. 23, 1886; civil engineer I. S. C., 1907; married Edna V. Miller, Feb. 9, 1912. Children, Vernon Gregg, born July 16, 1913. Present address, Live Oak, Florida.

Mary Elizabeth Watters, daughter of William Wilson and Teresa Gregg Watters, remains unmarried, and she and her sister, Sarah W., also unmarried, make their home together in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

William Gregg Watters, son of William Wilson and Teresa Gregg Watters, born in 1847, died in 1912; married Jeanette Reynolds; married Hattie Haskins, second wife. Their four children are: Howard, Verna, Helen, Florence.

Henry, married Dora Stiles, Dec. 10, 1881. Their children were, Lynn S., born Sept. 19, 1889; married Jan. 17, 1906; Reginald K., born Oct. 29, 1906. Willard Wilson, born Dec. 26, 1893; married Dec. 12, 1906. Richard B., born March 23, 1885; married June 19, 1912; Margaret A., born Aug. 19, 1913. Fred Logan, born Dec. 16, 1886; married January 12, 1910; Calvin S., born March 8, 1911; RobertLogan, born July 4, 1913. Martha Marie born Feb. 4, 1894.

Walter, married Alvida Stiles, Jan. 19, 1878.—Julia V., born No. 6, 1878; married to P. Britton March 8, 1911. Lucile, born Dec. 3, 1911. Norma E., born Nov. 15, 1914. Florence S., born Jan 3, 1881. Ethel, born Oct. 29, 1882; died Feb., 1889. Jennie, born Feb 17, 1885; died March 26, 1885. Hattie E., born Aug. 17, 1886; married Feb. 22, 1911, to Frank Federlein; Naomi, born Jan. 26, 1912; Walter Dwight, born Aug. 13, 1914. Helen M., born Jan. 31, 1889. Ruth A., born Aug. 21, 1891. Edith G., born July 17, 1895. Olive, born Jan. 20, 1899. Evelyn, born Aug. 30, 1902.

Emma Iretta Watters, daughter of W. W. and Teresa Watters, married Dr. E. S. Lawrence, 1890. There are two children, Mabel and Edwin.

Clara Alice Watters married Theodore Noble. There are two children.

Henry Alfred Watters, son of William and Sarah Wilson Watters, born Oct. 12, 1818, in Harford County, Maryland; married March 24, 1842, to Katharine Kemp, born 1820, in Belmont County, Ohio, daughter of George and Susanna Stevens Kemp.

Katharine Kemp Watters died May 28, 1856, and was buried in the cemetery near West Liberty, Iowa. She was a most devoted Christian and died a triumphant death, her last words being, "Glory, glory, halleluiah!"

Henry Alfred Watters died April, 1904, and was buried in the city cemetery in Grinnell, Iowa. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of Henry Alfred and Katharine Kemp Watters are as follows: Lewis Kemp Watters, born Feb. 8, 1843, in Belmont County, Ohio. Soldier in Co. B, 35th Iowa U. S. V. I., 1862-1865; successful farmer, retired; living in Grinnell, Iowa; six feet in height; weight, 225 pounds; member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Republican in politics; was wounded in General Banks' Red River campaign, and still carries the ball in his right thigh; married Katharine Jane Lindsey, Feb. 11, 1869, who was born Nov. 8, 1847. The children of Lewis Kemp and Katharine Lindsey Watters are:

Dr. Nellie Maybel Watters, born Sept. 18, 1873. B. Ph. I. C. N. D. Practicing in Chicago, Ill.

Joseph Ernest Watters, born Sept. 7, 1875: one time student in I. C. and I. S. U. Law School; sheep raiser, Flagler, Colorado.

Thomas Henry Watters, born March 3, 1878; one time student I. C.; stockman, Flagler, Colorado.

Arthur Garfield Watters, born Sept. 17, 1881; B. Ph. I. C.; business man, Flagler, Colorado.

Bessie Lillie Watters, born Jan. 1, 1884, B. Ph. I. C., Grinnell, Iowa.

Katharine Bertha Watters, born Feb. 13, 1889; professional nurse, Chicago, Ill.

Sarah Margaret Watters, daughter oi Henry Alfred and Katharine Kemp Watters, born April 5, 1845; one time student I. S. U., teacher, Supt. Orphans' School, Texas; married George Griffith, June, 1900; home near Des Moines, Iowa.

George William Watters, son of Henry Alfred and Katharine Kemp Watters, born April 1, 1847; soldier in Co, G. 28th Iowa Vol. Inf. 1863-1865; LL.B. I. S. U.; practiced law in Muscatine, Iowa, and Nebraska; died in 1896 and is buried at Grinnell, Iowa; married Sarah Headley in 1881, who died.

The children of George, William and Sarah Headley Watters are:

Katharine Watters, born Jan. 20, 1882. Domestic Science Missionary to the Indians, California and Oregon; married James L. Davis, Aug 4, 1914. Residence Nespelem, Washington.

Clark Watters, born Sept. 16, 1883; died.

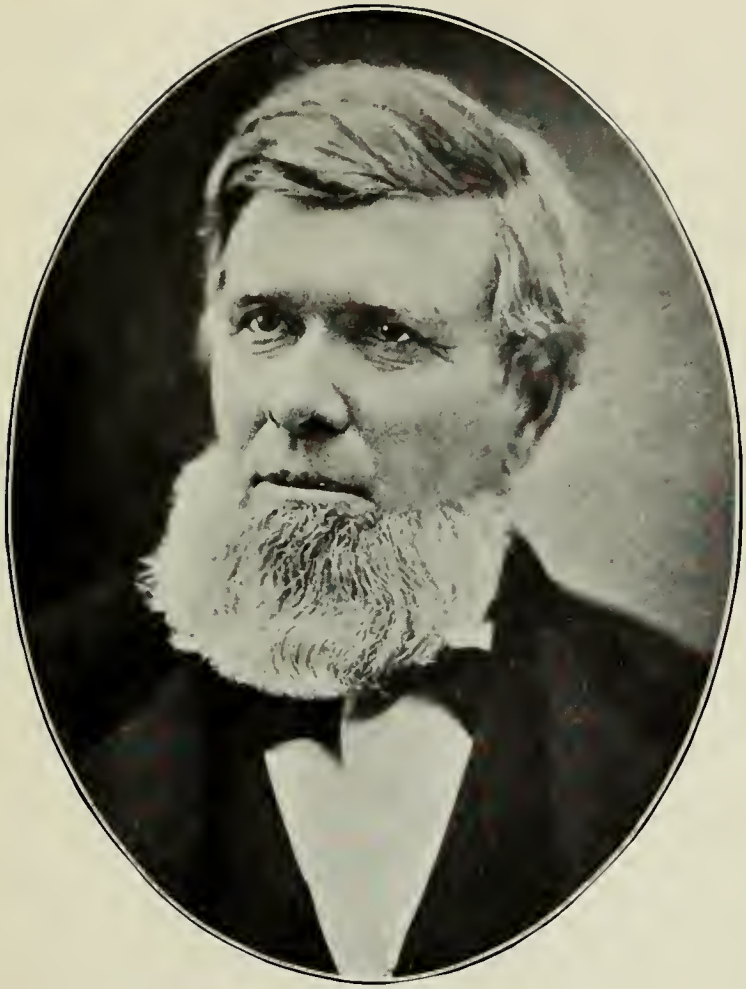
Henry Letts Watters, born Sept. 16, 1883; stenographer, Alaska.

George William Watters, son of Alfred and Katharine Kamp Watters, married for his second wife, Dec. 29, 1889, Anna Prall. She resides at Grinnell, Iowa; was born June 8, 1862. The children of Geo. William and Anna Prall Watters are:

Warren Watters, born in Chase County, Nebraska, Nov. 24, 1890; musician, professional accompanist; San Francisco, Cal.

Mildred Watters, born Dec. 4, 1894; sophomore, Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.

Dennis Alonzo Watters, son of Henry Alfred and Katharine Kemp Watters; born in Belmont County, Ohio, May 2, 1849, Bachelor Didactics, I. S. U. 1871; studied theology at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., entered the Iowa Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, September, 1874; served as pastor at Letteville, Oxford;



WILLIAM WILSON WATTERS, M. D.

MILDRED MELINDA WATTERS

Ladora, Victor, Muscatine and Wilton. Transferred in 1890 to the Oregon Conference, and was stationed at Eugene, Forest Grove, Central Church, Portland; Presiding Elder, Salem District; member General Conference, Chicago, 1900; pastor University Park, Portland; Patton, Portland; author, "First American Itinerant" and "The Trail to Boyhood"; one year instructor in Systematic Theology, Portland University; Financial Secretary in Kimball College of Theology. Married Lucy Ella McKeever, C. P. D. C., of Hendrysburg, Ohio, Aug. 23, 1876; pioneer Chiropractic physician in Oregon, 1900: practicing in Portland, Ore.

The children of Dennis Alonzo and Lucy Ella McKeever Watters are:

Raymond Elmer Watters, C. P. D. C., born in Oxford, Iowa, Sept. 13, 1879; student in Willamette University, pioneer Chiropractic physician in Oregon, 1900, practicing in Portland, Oregon.

Mildred Melinda Watters, born in Victor, Iowa, Oct. 10, 1881; student in Pacific and Portland Universities. When four years of age she gave her heart to Jesus. She possessed a marked personality and her youthful countenance beamed with a radiance not of this world. For seventeen years she gladdened her earthly home. The treasures of her mind and the beauty of her voice sounds faint and mellow now behind the hills of death. After hours of unconsciousness, when all else failed, her soul responded to music. In a low voice close to the face of her whose feet were dipping the Jordan, her mother sang. She opened her eyes, her face lit up with a heavenly smile when she said, "Where have I heard that song? I have heard that song somewhere." "Yes, we have sung it together many a time." Then in plaintive and melodious voice she exclaimed, "We'll sing it together in glory, mamma; we'll sing it together in glory." A young life,

full of hope and promise was called from Willamette University to that school where the great Teacher teaches as never man taught. Laid to rest in City View Cemetery, Salem, Ore.

John Wilson Watters, son of Henry Alfred and Katharine Kemp Watters, born May 10, 1852; horticulturist, Santa Cruz, Cal; married Emma Letts, September, 1879. Their children are: Ethel Watters, B. A., Stanford University, 1909; M. D., John Hopkins Medical College, Baltimore, Md., 1913. Inez Watters, born Aug. 31, 1891; one time student, Pacific University; professional nurse. Madison Letts Watters, born July 7, 1893; died, August, 1906. Louis Watters, born Dec. 13, 1806; High School student, Santa Cruz, Cal.

Peter Kemp Watters, son of Henry Alfred and Katharine Kemp Watters, born April 29, 1854, M. D. I. S. U., 1879, practicing at Watsonville, Cal.; mayor; married Louise Eggers, Jan. 3, 1883, born April 25, 1855. Their children are: Henry Gustav Watters, born Dec. 8, 1884; M. D. Northwestern Medical College, 1911; practicing in Watsonville, Cal., 1903-'96, student at University of California; married Bertha Brassel, Jan. 3, 1912; children, Helen, Marie, born Nov. 19, 1913. Frieda Watters, born June 22, 1886, B. S. University of California, 1909; married Roy Elon Warner, B. S., University of California 1907, June 27, 1910; home, Oakland, Cal.; children, Barbara, born April 27, 1913. Charlotte Watters, born Dec. 4, 1887; one time student University of California; professional nurse. Louise Watters, born Feb. 3, 1889; one time student University of California; married Robert Henry Hudson, A. B., Stanford University 1908, Feb. 22, 1911; home, Watsonville, Cal.; Children, Louise Estella, born Jan. 20, 1912; Charlotte Marie, born April 9, 1914.

Emma Lilly Watters, daughter of Henry Alfred and his second wife, Josephine Hazlett Watters, born in 1863;

one time art student in Cornell College; married John Prall. Their children are: Erma Prall, born July 1, 1896, High School student, Des Moines, Iowa; Harlan Prall, born Jan. 24, 1900.

George Godfrey Watters, son of William and Sarah Wilson Watters, born Dec. 20, 1820. Married Jane Orison, who died in 1854. Their children are: Ruth Elizabeth, born 1842, died in infancy. Amos Watters, born 1844; soldier U. S. V. I. Iowa Reg't, 1861; died in the service, April 7, 1862, at battle of Shiloh (Pittsburg Landing). John Henry Watters, born Aug. 31, 1846. served in Co. H, 11th Ohio Cavalry, during civil war; now a retired soldier of the regular army with rank of 1st sergeant, Washington, D. C.; served his country 28 years.

Leonidas Hamlin Watters, born Aug. 5, 1848; superintendent of public schools at Media, Penn., for many years; served in Co. E, Ohio Vol. Inf. during civil war; died April 27, 1908. Married Florence Alice Schaefer, born Sept. 9, 1862. Their children are: Maude Lucile, born May 18, 1882; A. B. Swarthmore College, 1902; student Univ. of Berlin, 1902-'03; graduate student Univ. of Penn., 1905-'07. George Lawrence, born Oct. 23, 1885; A. B., Swarthmore College, 1906; hydraulic engineer of the Lehigh Valley R. R., present address, Bethlehem, Penn.

William Wilbur Watters, born May 3, 1852; twenty years a teacher; real estate agent; principal and superintendent of public schools, Seattle, Wash. Married Clara I. Phelps; born Oct. 28, 1860, in Ontario, Canada. Their children are: Edna Charlotte, born Sept. 16, 1884, died Sept. 23, 1889. George Phelps, born Jan. 14, 1886; grocer, Seattle. William Wilbur, born April 26, 1890; died Sept. 30, 1907. Ida May, born January 2, 1892.

Mary Caroline Watters, born May 17, 1850; married J. W. Johnston, April 16, 1885. Their children are: Emma

Jane, born April 1886; married Rupert E. Ridge, Jan., 30, 1907. Their child is Irene Caroline Ridge, born Sept. 16, 1910.

George, son of George Godfrey Watters and Jane Orison, died in infancy (1854).

George Godfrey Watters, son of William and Sarah Wilson Watters, married for his second wife Harriet Reed. Their children are: Jennie Watters, born Sept. 1, 1857; married Wm. Wethwald. Their children are: Blanche, George, Frank, William, Clara, May, Edgar, Herbert; died Dec. 14, 1910. Address, Zanesville, Ohio.

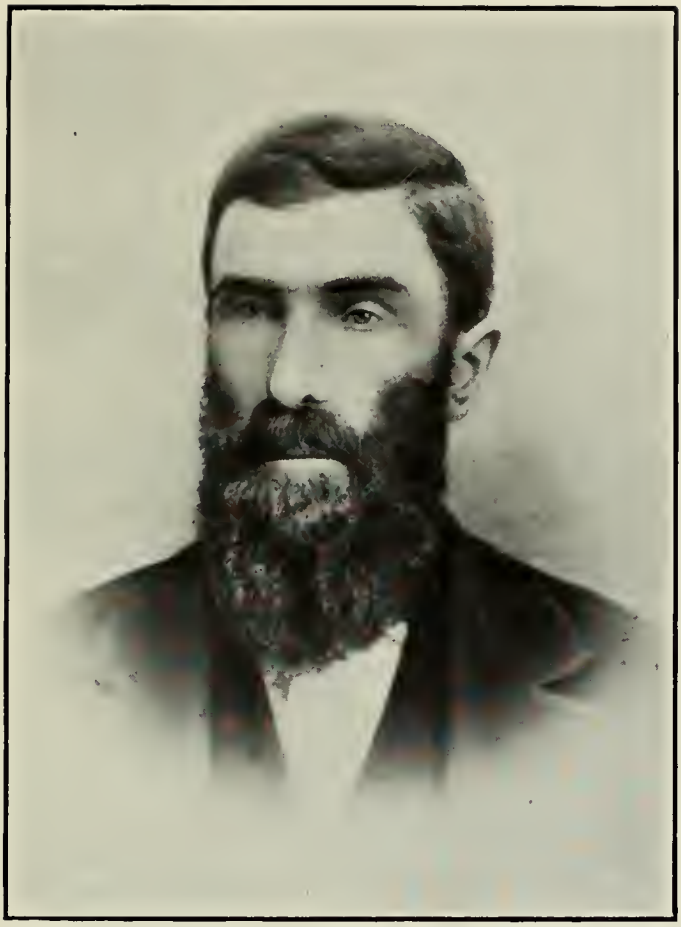
Harriet Watters, born Sept. 1, 1857; married Geo. B. De Voe, wholesale grocer, Oct. 17, 1877, Warren, Ohio. Their children are: William Watters, born Aug. 29, 1878: died Jan. 21, 1888. Clarence Edgar, born Dec. 2, 1880, wholesale grocer, Warren, Ohio. Florence Jane, born May 30, 1888; A. B., Maryland .College, 1910, Lutherville, Md. Clara Louise, born July 8, 1890; student Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. Emma Marie, born Ang. 23, 1894; student Warren High School,

Katherine Watters. born November 30, 1859; married Thomas Holliday of Chicago, Ill., who died December 19, 1908. Her present address is 925 Alvarado St., Los Angeles, Cal.

Edward Watters, born Nov. 30, 1859; married Florence Fanny Randall, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1890. Traveling salesman. Address, Seattle, Wn. Their children are: Harriet, died in infancy; Edward Randall, died in infancy.

Twins: Willie Watters, born March 18, 1865, died in in infancy; Mattie Watters, born March 18, 1865.

Frank Simpson Watters, barn Nov. 26, 1862; served in the Spanish-American war, in Cuba, in 1898; bookkeeper of Warren Chronicle. Married Mabel Strahl, Jan.



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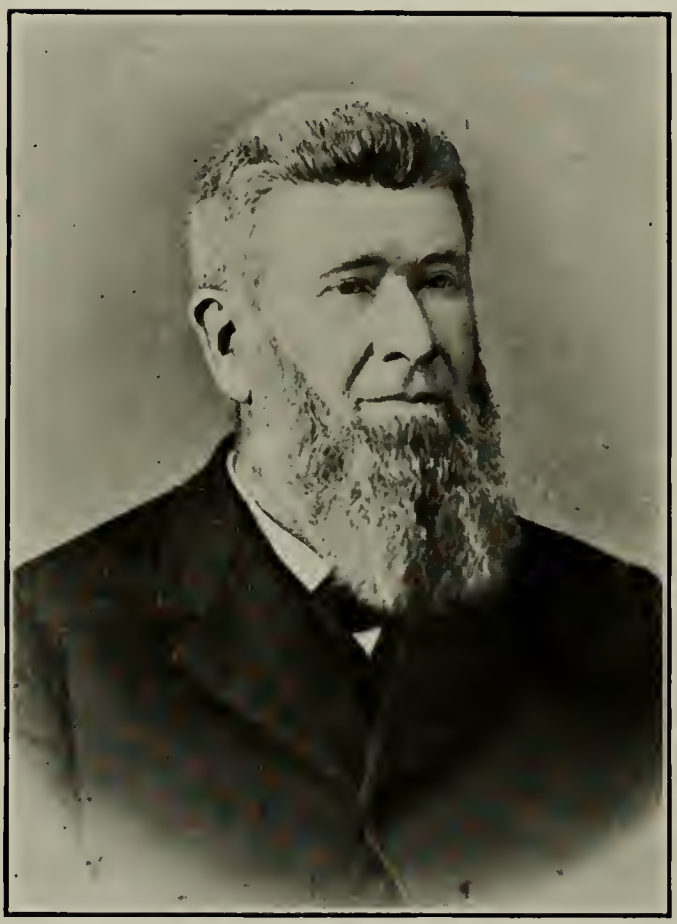

REV. GEORGE GODFREY WATTERS

16, 1887; children, George W., born Dec. 4, 1887; Edgar Raymond, 1889: Ruth M., born 1892. Second wife Grace Elizabeth Little, Jan. 4. 1904. Their children are: Harriet Grace, born Sept. 28, 1905; Richard Maxwell, born June 19, 1907.

WILL OF GODFREY WATTERS

This will was copied from will records in the courthouse, Baltimore, Maryland, by D. A. Watters, August 4, 1911. It is found in Wills Liber No. B. 1721–1786. Capitals, spelling and punctuation is given verbatim. It is not to be presumed that the errors are necessarily those of our revered ancestor. It was not until I found this manuscript, the result of much research, that I learned the names of all the children of Godfrey Watters and the order of their birth. The penmanship of the record is good, but the general education of the clerk must have been very deficient:

"In the name of God amen the seventh day of Aprjl 1754 I Godfrey Watters of the provens of Maryland Baltimore County planter being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament that is to say Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth it be buried in decent Christian burial at the discression of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such Worldly Estates wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me within this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Imprimus. Itam. I give and bequeathe to my Sun John Watters one Church Bibel. Itam. I give and bequeath to my Sun Henry Watters one Negro Gerl neamed Nell to him and his Ears forever. Itam. I give and bequeat to my daughter Mary Divers one negro boy neamed Ben to hur and hur Ears forever. Itam. I give and bequeath to Sun Henry Watters one book called the Christain Guide. Itam. I give and bequeath to my sun Godfrey Watters one negro boy neamed Petter and Silver Shoe buckles and nee buckles and one Bibel and one book called Christian Guide and one book called Contemplations of the State of Man and one common Prear Book to him and his Ears forever. Itam. I give and bequeath to my Sun Nicholaus Watters one negro boy neamed Tippen and one common Prear Book and the hole duttay of Man to Him and his Ears forever. Itam. I give and bequeath to my Sun Steven Watters one negro boy neamed Dick to him and his Ears forever. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Watters and Sun Walter Watters and Sun William Watters five pounds to each Ann Watters and William to bee pead above thire equell part. Itam. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Sarah Watters one negro man neamed Poggoter one negro woman named Hago and one negro Gerl named Inney to be hur Right as long as she remeaneth a widde and likewise thire Increase for. This is not to disannul hur of hur Thurds. my will is that if eney of eney my Children that hath a negro should dye under age that it shall fall to the Eldest that hath no negro left.

Lastly I likewise constitute make and ordain my well beloved now Wife my hole and sole Executer of this my last Will and Testament and I doe hereby utterly disannul Revoke and disannul all and every other form of Testaments or wills by me in any wise before maid willed and bequeathed Ratifiing and confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testaments.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this Seventh day of April, 1754 IE.

GODFREY WATTERS (*Seal*)

Signde, Scealde, Published, Pronounced and delivered by the seade Godfrey Watters as his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers.

JOHN TIMMONS
JOSEPH PRESBURY
JOHN BROWN

June 5th 1754. Then came John Timmons, Joseph Presbury and John Brown Three of the Subscribing witnesses to the foregoing Will being duly and solemnly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God depose and say that they saw the Tetator Godfrey Watters sign the foregoing and heard him publish and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind and memory and that they subscribed their Respective names as witnesses to the said will in the presence of the said Testator and at his Request sworn before William Young deputy Commissary Baltimore County.

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